

**CHAPTER NO. 53**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2381**

**By Crowe**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2397**

**By Hill, Davis**

AN ACT relative to authorizing the County of Washington to conduct a non-binding countywide referendum to determine if public support exists to pursue the consolidation of the school systems of Washington County and the City of Johnson City.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That Washington County, Tennessee, shall be authorized to hold a countywide non-binding referendum, concurrent with the May 2006 county election, on the question, "Do you favor the consolidation of the Johnson City school system and the Washington County school system into one school system?"


SECTION 2. That any such referendum held shall be at the sole expense of Washington County.

SECTION 3. That this act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners and certified by the presiding officer of the Washington County Board of County Commissioners to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. That for the purposes of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall become effective upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided by Section 3.

**PASSED: May 9, 2005**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR